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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on November 9, 2005, has been entered and acknowledged by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 3-7 are pending in the instant application.

Claim Objections

Claims 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: The chemical formula "(Zn,Cd)S:M,N" is unclear because the formula can be interpreted in more than one way. For example, the formula could refer to ZnS:M,N, CdS: M,N, ZnCdS:M,N. The claim has been examined on its merits assuming that the formula refers to any of the possible interpretations. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 4, and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Evans et al. (US Pat. No. 3,602,753).

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Regarding claims 1 and 7, Evans discloses a radiation source (Fig. 1, 23; Column 2, lines 69-71); and a semiconductor-type phosphor with ZnS:Ag,Cl (Column 1, lines 48-51), wherein the radiation source emits light ranging from about 495 nm (blue-green light) to 340 nm (ultra-violet) (Column 1, lines 48-51; Table 1, see wavelength for blue).

Regarding claim 4, Evans further discloses wherein the radiation source comprises an electron beam (Fig. 1, 25; Column 2, lines 69-71).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans et al. (US Pat. No. 3,602,753) in view of Poss (US Pat. No. 3,657,142).

Regarding claim 5, Evans teaches the invention of claim 1, but fails to teach how the phosphor is prepared. Poss teaches that it is common to affect the activation of co-activated zinc sulfide phosphors through organic metal thermal decomposition (Column 4, lines 31-35; Column 4, lines 42-50). Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the invention of Evans to prepare the phosphor by organic metal thermal decomposition, as disclosed by Poss.

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Claims 3 and 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Evans et al. (US Pat. No. 3,602,753) in view of Shimizu (US Pat. No. 6,614,179).

Regarding claims 3 and 6, Evans teaches the invention of claim 1, but fails to teach wherein the radiation source is a light emitting diode and the phosphor is adjusted in weight ratio with respect to a material mixed with the phosphor. Shimizu teaches a white light source wherein an Light Emitting Diode (LED) is composed of an LED chip (Fig. 1, 102; Column 8, lines 50-53) that excites a phosphor contained in a coating resin (Fig. 1, 101; Column 8, lines 52-53) to generate light. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the invention of Evans by mixing the phosphor with a resin and exciting the phosphor with an LED to generate light, as disclosed by Shimizu.

Other Prior Art Cited

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Kingsley et al.

US Pat. No. 3,664,862

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 3-6 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anne M. Hines whose telephone number is (571) 272-2285. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nimesh Patel can be reached on (571) 272-2457. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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